



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Newsletter - Friday 28th March 2025

Head of School's Message

This week has been Catholic Social Teaching Week at St. Aidan's with lots of wonderful learning happening around school. Today we were treated to a wonderful assembly by our Reception children and Cleo the dog joined Mrs Ryan for her ELSA sessions.

I would like to say a huge good luck to Michael and Dylan as they will be receiving their Guild of St Stephen medal during the 6pm mass this Saturday at St Aidan's Church. What an honour!

Don't forget, we are walking 200km in Lent for CAFOD. See details on our just giving page below.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Hughes

'Living
and
growing
in Christ'



St. Aidan's School Value this term: Self Belief

This half term our school value is 'self belief'. Our School Councillors and Prayer Leaders have been on the lookout for children giving examples of showing self-belief.

Well done to the following children:

Emilia (Rec) - for always being peaceful

Santiago (Y2) - for always being encouraging

Isabelle (Y5) - for cheering people up and always smiling

Joseph (Y5) - following the school rules and having self belief

Important dates for your diary...

2nd April	9.30am - Parent Workshop 1: Managing Anxiety In Children
2nd April	2pm The Passion Service at St Aidan's church - All welcome
2nd April	6pm - Parent Workshop 2: Managing Anxiety In Children
3rd April	9.30am Rock Steady Concert
4th April	School Closes for Easter holidays at 1.45pm
Tuesday 22nd April	School Opens 8.45am - All children in Summer Uniform
2nd April	Y3 Local area walk
29th April	Y2 Trip to Brooklands Museum
5th May	BANK HOLIDAY
12th May	Y6 SATS Week
21st May	Y4 trip to Legoland
23rd May	School closes 3.25pm for half term

Our value this term is

SELF
BELIEF

Friendship Ambassador Award



Children Who Read, Succeed!

We love hearing about all the fantastic books children are reading and enjoying. Some of the children will be sharing their recommended stories with a book review.

Joseph (Y5) has reviewed *Gangsta Granny*. Please see what Joseph thinks of this book in the document attached to the Newsletter email.



Good Luck to Michael and Dylan

We are very proud of two of our altar servers at St. Aidan's Church.

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Parent Workshop

All parents and guardians are welcome to attend an information event around supporting your child in managing feelings of anxiety. This will include practical and hands on activities you can try at home.

We are offering a **9:30am and 6pm** option to attend on **Wednesday 2nd April** and invite you stay for refreshments and informal chats with Mrs Esparon and Mrs Ryan afterwards if you wish.

Please email the school office to inform us if you would like to attend and which time slot—places still available.



Catholic Social Teaching Week at St. Aidan's



	Dignity
	Solidarity
	The common good
	The option for the poor
	Peace
	Creation and environment
	The dignity of work and participation

This week each class has been learning about one of the Catholic Social Teaching Principles. The children have made links to scripture and learnt about a charity related to their Catholic Social Teaching Principle.

Reception learnt about peace. They learnt what it means to be peaceful. They spoke about animals bringing humans peace and they had a visit from Cleo the dog. Reception learnt about the RSPCA charity.

Year 1 have been learning about the option for the poor. They learnt about UNICEF and Mother Theresa.

Year 2 learnt about the common good. They listened to the story of the Good Samaritan and performed their own role plays. They wanted to do an act of common good. They baked cupcakes and delivered them to all the staff. They learnt about the charity Oxfam.

Year 3 have been learning about solidarity. They interviewed staff members and then presented ideas on how we can show solidarity as a school community. The children learnt about Emmaus and linked solidarity to the story of Zacchaeus.

Year 4 have been learning about creation and environment. They have learnt they are stewards of the Earth and how to take care of our common home. They went on a Worship walk around the school grounds and had some quiet time to reflect and be with Nature. They were given different scripture and they were asked to make links with being stewards of the Earth. They learnt about a charity called A Rocha UK.

Year 5 have been learning about Human Dignity. They created their own presentations about Dignity and related this to scripture. They have been learning about dignity of the elderly and planned a visit to a local care home. They have been learning about the charity Age UK.

Year 6 have been learning about the dignity of work and participation. They designed websites for Caritas. They are writing letters to trade unions next week.

Catholic Social Teaching Week



I am Learning about: Solidarity

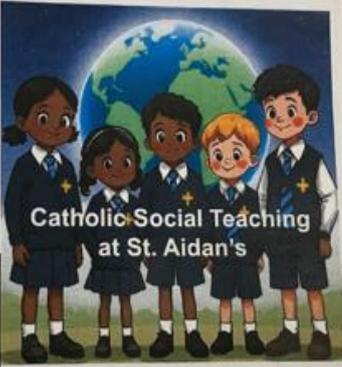
My Big Question:
 Showing Solidarity is important because your showing you care about people and help them. We also support them so they can have a happy home.

My Charity: Emmaus
 Emmaus is a charity that helps homeless and sick.

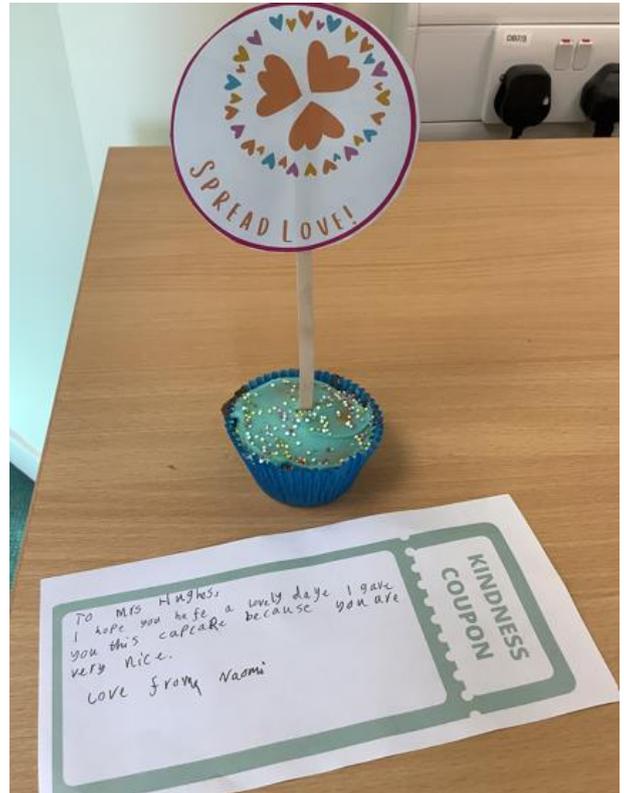
The Scripture that links:
 Zacchaeus does not show Solidarity but after he met Jesus he did.

What did I do to show this Catholic Social Teaching Principle:
 We asked teachers what we could do to help there job.

Catholic Social Teaching at St. Aidan's




Catholic Social Teaching Week



Reception's Mother's Day Assembly

Reception children treated us to a special assembly celebrating all their mummies. They sang beautifully and we learnt all about their mums.

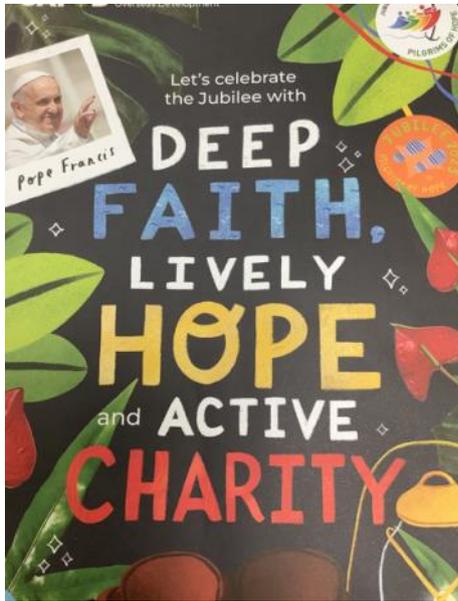
Thank you to Miss Zographou, Mrs Tucker, Mrs Andrews and Mrs Day for preparing this assembly.



Mother's day Sale

Thank you to SASA and all our parent volunteers for putting on a Mother's day sale for the children.





WALK 200KM IN 40 DAYS TO HELP FIGHT GLOBAL POVERTY

BIG LENT WALK

We are asking children to take part in a sponsored walk throughout Lent to raise money for CAFOD.

This can be done as a family, on the weekend or after school. Share the just giving page with family members and please send in photos of your child completing their walk so we can celebrate these in assembly.

Good Luck Everybody! Please donate here:

[St Aidan's Big Lent Walk Fundraising is fundraising for CAFOD](#)

St Aidan's Big Lent Walk Fundraising

Donate to this fundraiser



My story

We're taking part in The Big Lent Walk, please sponsor us!

Your donations can change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.



The Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'

As part of the Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope' celebration, St. Aidan's Church, Coulsdon would like to kindly invite all the children and their families to come and join us during the scheduled visitation of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Ss Jacinta and Francisco on 5-6 April 2025.

Visit of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco

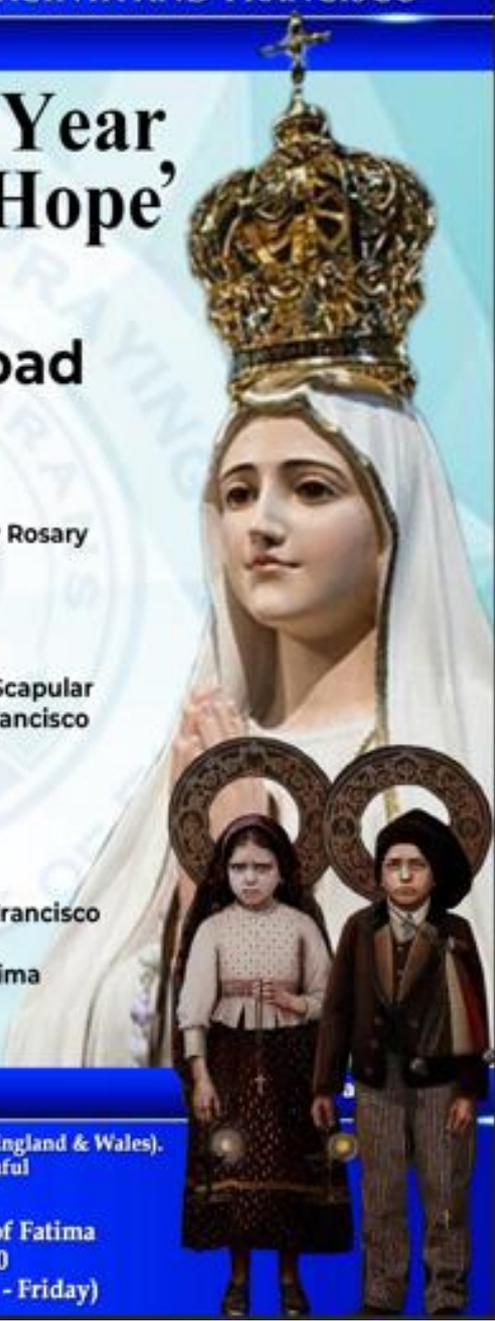
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NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUES (NPVS) OF**
Our Lady of Fatima
AND THE RELICS OF BLESSED JACINTA AND FRANCISCO

 **The Jubilee Year
'Pilgrims of Hope'**

**St. Aidan's Church
Chipstead Valley Road
Coulsdon CR5 3DD**

Saturday, 5 April 2025 (1:00 pm to 6:00 pm)
1:00 pm - Reception of Our Lady of Fatima & Holy Rosary
1:45 pm - Docu-film on Fatima
2:30 pm - Talk on Fatima
2:35 pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy
4:00 pm - Holy Hour & Confession
5:00 pm - Enrolment & Investiture of the Brown Scapular
5:30 pm - Veneration of the Relics Ss Jacinta & Francisco
6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday, 6 April 2025 (8:00 am to 12:00 noon)
8:00 am - Recitation of the Rosary
9:00 am - Holy Mass
10:00 am - Veneration of the Relics Ss Jacinta & Francisco
11:00 am - Holy Mass
12:00 nn - Procession of the Pilgrim Statue of Fatima
& the Relics of Ss Jacinta & Francisco
outside the Church



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SASA Message

We hope you had a good week, lovely to see those signs of Spring!

We've had a fantastic couple of weeks of fundraising. Massive thanks to everyone who bought a costume, a book, a ticket, donated extra, spent tuck shop money, made time for volunteering or attended the golf day. We'll update you on how much you have raised this term before we sign off next week.

The children had a great time choosing gifts in the Mother's Day sale today. Our fundraising events are not just about making money, they're an opportunity to create lovely experiences for the children (and volunteers!) enjoy.

Uniform Sale—POSTPONED

As we head into the summer term, you will have an opportunity to buy pre-loved summer uniform items for a fraction of the cost of buying them new. This sale will take place **after the Easter break**.

Dates To Look Forward To

Next week we will confirm dates for our Taskforce days and the Summer Fair.

Easy ways to keep supporting the school

2025 challenge: We are asking each child to raise £20.25 by 19th May by doing chores, a sponsored walk, a bake sale, the opportunities are endless. See ClassList for more details.

Playing the school lottery: Sign up [here](#)

Shop online through Easyfundraising: Access your favourite retailers including Amazon, Argos, Boots, Domino's, Waitrose, JustEat, M&S and many more through [Easyfundraising](#). Every purchase you make earns the school a percentage of the sale, at no extra cost to you.

Final call: Raise £100 by booking a holiday with TUI. Simply access the TUI site via Easyfundraising website or app, book your holiday and our school will receive a £100 donation. Offer expires on Monday 31st March.

Thank you for your continued support.

SASA

Football Match

On Monday, the St Aidan's football team played against St Joseph's. The game had a tense start and was really challenging throughout the first half. With many chances at goal, it was hard for us to score. We started the second half full of hope and determination and we played really as a team. Eventually Danell managed to score and we won 1-0. Thank you Coach T and all the parents for your support.

Match Report by Delaneo R (Y6)



This Week's Awards at St Aidan's



As the week comes to a close, we would like to celebrate all those children who have achieved something amazing. From football to swimming to athletics, our children never fail to amaze us with their talents.




**Excellent
Learners**

St Mary: May Sian M

St Francis: Isla R

St Joseph: Hassan S

St Bernadette: Amelia M

St Theresa: Nicolas P

St Peter: Luca L-S

St Paul: Vianne M



St Mary: Sofia R

St Francis: Sara C

St Joseph: Elena B

St Bernadette: Isaac L

St Theresa: Olivia M

St Peter: Vanessa S

St Paul: Elliot W